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LB 981, 1257

Senator Hillman a question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hillman, I don't need a detailed explanation, but could you just tell me briefly what the bill does.

SENATOR HILLMAN: What it does is last year we passed a budget act, and in the case of the individual NRDs what happens is their fiscal year ends like the end of June, and they don't get their budget approved until the first of October. There are some projects in between there that, because of the season and when they can work on some water projects and so forth, they will need to pay contractors, and they're not...can't do that under the present restrictions that say, I believe, they can only use a fourth of their budget during that interim. This would allow them to make that expenditure with their board approval, and it would have to be included then in the upcoming budget. It's a cash flow problem for...is what it is, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hillman, how are these NRD boards elected?

SENATOR HILLMAN: They, sir, in my district are not voted on a one-to-one, and that's one of the reasons I have supported the NRD bill that Senator Beutler has proposed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Bless you, Senator Hillman. I just wanted the record clear.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion? Seeing none, we'll vote on the motion to advance LB 1257. All in favor say aye. Opposed. It is advanced. LB, and I apologize to the membership, these are coming in the list in which amendments were pulled, they're not particularly...they are not necessarily related to the agenda order. The second bill on the agenda, Item number 9, is LB 981, a bill by Senator Beutler. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: E & R amendments first of all, Senator.